MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What was the necessity for a revised estimate?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The first estimate was found to be defective in certain respects.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): If the estimate was prepared before 1107, may I know why the work was not included in the budget for 1107?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Financial stringency.

Construction of a culvert on the Charumood-Mankakuzhi road.

23. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has received a petition dated the 14th Meenam 1106 from the people of Chunakkara for the construction of a culvert on the road going eastwards from the 1st mile of the Charumood-Mankakuzhi road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken on the same?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Investigation for the improvement of this road by providing proper masonry works in the paddy field portions is being carried out by the Public Works Department.

Construction of a lock at Poottodu.

24. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the question of constructing a temporary lock at Poottodu, Mahadevikad, Kartikapalli, was considered by the officers of the Public Works Department and estimates prepared?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes. An estimate is under preparation.

Travelling allowance of covenanted officers.

25. MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made any reduction in the rate of travelling allowance allowed for covenanted officers as they have done in the case of other officers; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reason for not doing it?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*)

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This does not arise, in view of answer to part (*a*) above.

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